

[0039] As seen in Figs. 10-11, an additional cooler configuration is offered, wherein a single inner container 53 and lid 54 is carried within an outer container 55. This cooler design is identical to the aforementioned cooler with in every respect with a few exceptions. The inner container 53, inner compartment 50 and ice fill opening 27 are no longer plural.

[0040] The invention has been described with reference to the preferred embodiment. Obviously, modifications and alterations will occur to others upon a reading and understanding of this specification. It is intended to include all such modifications and alterations insofar as they come within the scope of the appended claims or the equivalents thereof.

[0041] In compliance with US Patent laws, the invention has been described in a language more or less specific as to methodical features. The invention, is not however, limited to the specific features described, since the means herein disclosed comprise preferred forms of putting the invention into effect. The invention is therefore claimed in any of its forms or modifications within the scope of the appended claims appropriately interpreted in accordance with the doctrine of equivalents.

Claims

What is claimed is:

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A cold food server comprising:

(A) an outer container comprising:

(a) a base, formed of inner and outer surfaces between which is carried an insulating layer;

(b) sidewalls extending from a perimeter of the base, formed of vertical inner and outer surfaces between which is carried an insulating layer defining a recessed region;

(c) an inner partition wall extending from the base between the sidewalls forming an interior region sidewall, formed of vertical inner and outer surfaces between which is carried an insulating layer, defining a plurality of recessed regions located within the outer container;

(d) a perimeter rim of an upper portion of the sidewalls defining a notch;

- (e) a peripheral lip, extending upward from the perimeter rim of the interior region sidewalls;
 - (f) annular notches defining a plurality of circular openings in the base, formed of an insulating layer;
 - (g) a threaded rim, extending outwardly from a perimeter of each of the circular openings defining an annular groove around the rim;
 - (h) a latch affixed to the upper portion of the exterior sidewalls;
- (B) an outer lid carried by the outer container comprising:
- (a) a flat top formed of inner and outer surfaces between which is carried an insulating material;
 - (b) a rectangular recessed region formed on a region of the upper surface of the flat top;
 - (c) a handle, supported by a cylindrical pin, affixed within a portion of the recessed region;
 - (d) a peripheral edge of a perimeter of the flat top;
 - (e) a perimeter rim and notch, defined on a lower portion of the peripheral edge of the flat top, sized to seal with the perimeter rim and notch of the outer container;
 - (f) a plurality of recessed regions defined on the lower surface of the flat top, sized to create a space for inner container rims and lids;
 - (g) a plurality of catches formed on the peripheral edge of the flat top, sized to receive a latching mechanism;
- (C) a plurality of interchangeable inner containers, carried within the outer container, comprising:
- (a) a bottom, and a peripheral wall, formed of plastic or metal;
 - (b) a flange, extending outwardly from an upper portion of the peripheral wall, having a peripheral rim defined on an outer region of the flange, sized to form a